

Model RM4-SSI
Synchronous Serial Interface (SSI)
DIN Rail Mount Display/Controller
Operation and Instruction Manual

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1 Introduction

This manual contains information for the installation and operation of the RM4-SSI synchronous serial interface monitor. Input to the RM4 can be configured as either binary or Gray code SSI with number of bits selectable from 1 to 31.

There are three methods available for scaling the display choose which is most suitable from one of the methods below.

Scaling Method 1 - The display can be scaled by using known data from the encoder and entering the appropriate scaling values at the **INPT** function, see section 5.21 and **SCALE** function, see section 5.22. The encoder sends data in the form of numbers which in use will correspond to engineering units e.g. distance in mm. If it is known how the output from the encoder corresponds to distance then the appropriate scaling values can be entered.

Scaling Method 2 - The second method requires the encoder to be placed in its zero position and the display zeroed. The encoder is then moved to a known position e.g. a known distance in mm and the value for this known position entered. See **USCL** function, section 5.26 and **PBUT**, section 5.18.

Scaling Method 3 - By entering the values required at two known points (see **USER SCALE** function 5.30). This method also allows the use of a calibration offset.

Two standard inbuilt relays provide alarm/control functions. Various combinations of one or two optional extra relays, single or dual analog (4-20mA, 0-1V or 0-10V) retransmission or serial (RS232, RS485 or RS422) communications and an isolated 12 or 24VDC isolated transmitter supply may also be provided as an option.

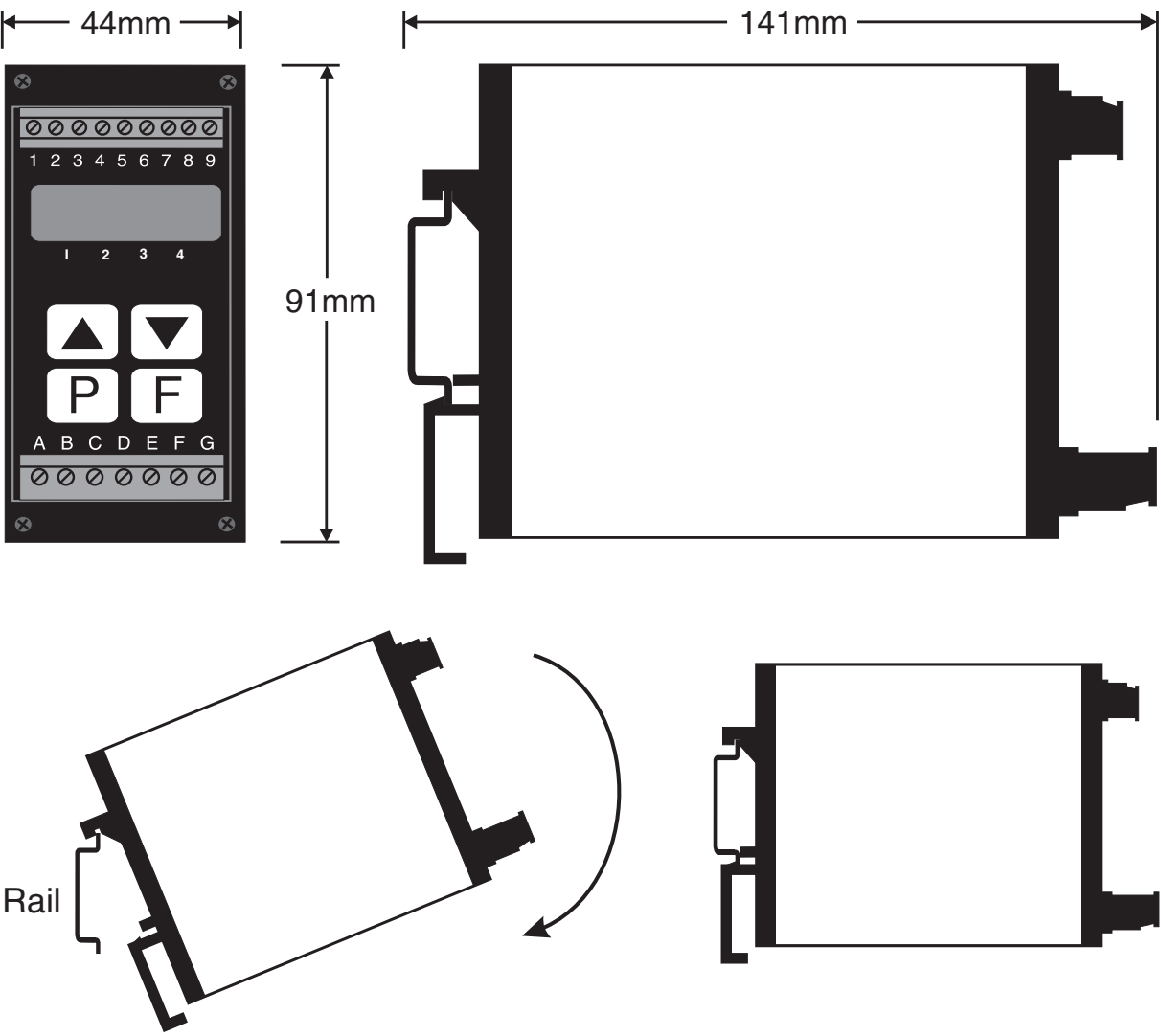
Unless otherwise specified at the time of order, your RM4 has been factory set to a standard configuration. Like all other RM4 series instruments the configuration and calibration is easily changed by the user. Initial changes may require dismantling the instrument to alter PCB links, other changes are made by push button functions.

Full electrical isolation between power supply, input voltage or current and retransmission output is provided by the RM4, thereby eliminating grounding and common voltage problems. This isolation feature makes the RM4 ideal for interfacing to computers, PLCs and other data acquisition devices.

The RM4 series of DIN Rail Process Modules are designed for high reliability in industrial applications. The 5 digit LED display provides good visibility, even in areas with high ambient light levels. A feature of the RM4-SSI is the programmable display brightness function, this allows the unit to be operated with low display brightness to reduce the instrument power consumption and to improve readability in darker areas. To reduce power consumption in normal use the display can be programmed to automatically dim or blank after a set time.

2 Mechanical installation

The instrument is designed for DIN rail mounting. The instrument clips on to 35mm DIN standard rails (EN50022). Cut the DIN rail to length and install where required. To install the instrument simply clip onto the rail as shown below. To remove the instrument lever the lower arm downwards using a broad bladed screwdriver to pull the clip away from the DIN rail.



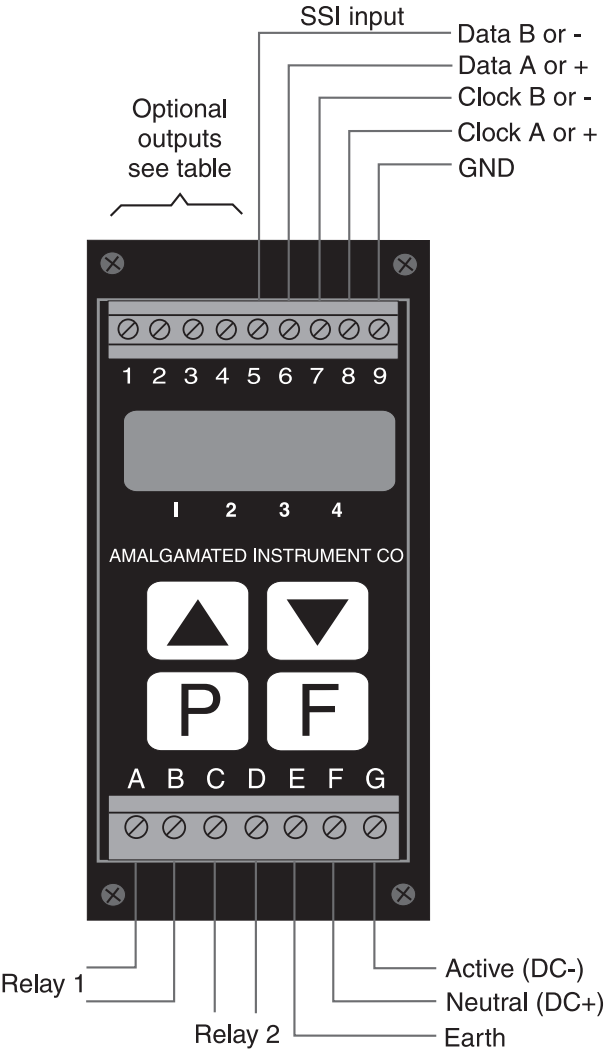
3 Electrical installation


The RM4 Meter is designed for continuous operation and no power switch is fitted to the unit. It is recommended that an external switch and fuse be provided to allow the unit to be removed for servicing. The terminal blocks allow for wires of up to 2.5mm² to be fitted for power supply and relays 1 and 2 or 1.5mm² for input connections and optional outputs. Connect the wires to the appropriate terminals as indicated below.

Refer to connection diagrams provided in this manual to confirm proper selection of voltage, polarity and input type before applying power to the instrument. When power is applied the instrument will cycle through a display sequence, indicating the software version and other status information, this indicates that the instrument is functioning. Acknowledgement of correct operation may be obtained by applying an appropriate input to the instrument and observing the resultant reading.

Note that the power supply type is factory configured. Check power supply type before connecting. Relay outputs are voltage free contacts.

Electrical connections and data label (240VAC supply example)



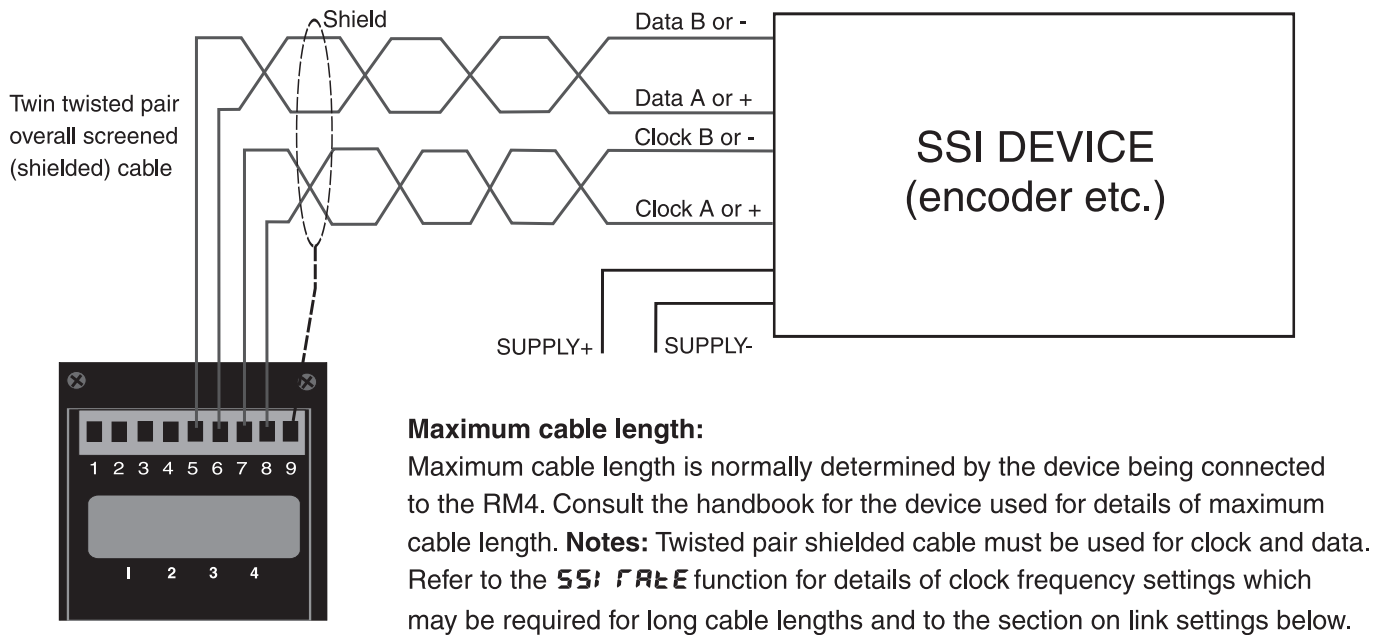
 N1440			
A	RELAY 1	COM	1
B	RELAY 1	N/O	2
C	RELAY 2	COM	3
D	RELAY 2	N/O	4
E	MAINS EARTH		5 DATA B
F	240 VAC NEUTRAL		6 DATA A
G	240 VAC ACTIVE		7 CLOCK B
			8 CLOCK A
			9 GROUND
RM4-SSI-240-5E			SERIAL No.: XXXXX-XXX

3.1 Power supply connections

AC supply connections use terminal G (Active), terminal F (Neutral) and terminal E (Case earth).

DC supply connections (12 to 48VDC) use terminal G (DC-), terminal F (DC+) and terminal E (Case earth).

3.2 SSI input connections



3.3 Relay connections

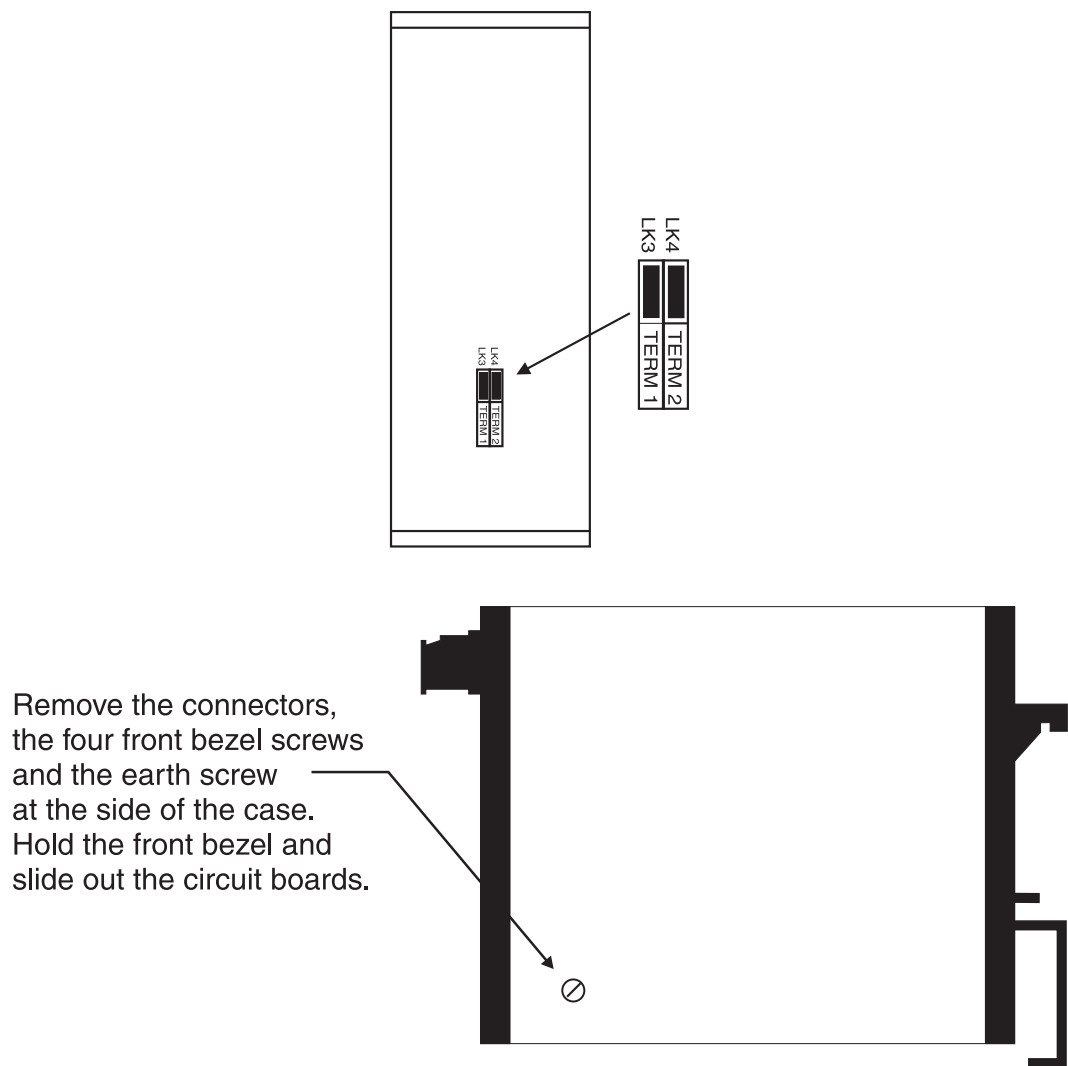
Relays are voltage free rated at 240VAC 5A resistive load. Terminals A and B are used for relay 1, terminals C and D are used for relay 2.

3.4 Optional outputs

Refer to the separate “RM4 Din Rail Meter Optional Output Addendum” for connection details of optional outputs fitted.

3.5 Configuring the input board

There are two user configurable links on the input circuit board, these are LK3 and LK4 labeled “TERM 1” and “TERM 2”. These links are provided to reduce reflections in long cable runs and are generally only required in cases where long cable runs are used but for most applications can be left in place. If the link settings need to be changed refer to the drawing below for instructions on removal of circuit boards. Refer to the separate “RM4 DIN Rail Meter Optional Output Addendum” booklet supplied if optional outputs are fitted.



4 Function tables - summary of setup functions

Note: the order in which the functions appear on the display may not be exactly as shown below. The availability and order of functions is determined by choice of function settings and options fitted.

Functions in this first table are available in **FUNC** or **CAL** mode

Display	Function	Range	Default	Your record	Ref/Page
RxLo	Low setpoint value for designated alarm relay <i>x</i>	Any display value or OFF	OFF	See 4.1	5.1 / 13
RxHi	High setpoint value for designated alarm relay <i>x</i>	Any display value or OFF	OFF	See 4.1	5.2 / 13
RxHY	Hysteresis value for the designated alarm relay <i>x</i> .	0 to 9999	10	See 4.1	5.3 / 14
Rxtt	Trip time delay for the designated alarm relay <i>x</i> .	0 to 9999	0	See 4.1	5.4 / 14
Rxrt	Reset time delay for the designated alarm relay <i>x</i> .	0 to 9999	0	See 4.1	5.5 / 15
Rxn.o or Rxn.c	Alarm relay <i>x</i> action to normally open (de-energised) or normally closed (energised)	Rxn.o or Rxn.c	Rxn.o	See 4.1	5.6 / 15
RxSP or Rxt 1 etc.	Relay operation independent setpoint or trailing setpoint (*Optional)	RxSP or Rxt 1 etc.	RxSP	See 4.1	5.7 / 15
P.SET	Preset value	Any display value	0		5.8 / 16
brgt	Display brightness level	1 to 15	15		5.9 / 16
d.OFF SECS	Auto display dimming timer	0 to 9999	0		5.10 / 16

(*Optional)—this function will only be accessible if the relevant option is fitted

Functions in this second table are available only in **CAL** mode or if **ACCS** is set to **ALL**

Display	Function	Range	Default	Your record	Ref/Page
FEC -	Analog output option low display value (*Optional)	Any display value	0		5.11 / 17
FEC +	Analog output option high display value (*Optional)	Any display value	1000		5.12 / 17
FEC - Ch2	Second analog output option low display value (*Optional)	Any display value	0		5.13 / 17
FEC + Ch2	Second analog output option high display value (*Optional)	Any display value	1000		5.14 / 18

(*Optional)—this function will only be accessible if the relevant option is fitted

drnd	Display rounding	1 to 5000	1		5.15 / 18
dCPl	Decimal point	0 , 0.1 etc.	0		5.16 / 18
FLtr	Digital filter	0 to 8	2		5.17 / 18
Pbut	P button function (for instruments with front P button)	NONE , H_i , L_o , H_i L_o , ZEFO or P.SET	NONE		5.18 / 19
ACCS	Access mode	OFF , EASY , NONE or ALL	OFF		5.19 / 19
SPAC	Setpoint access mode	A1 , A1-2 etc.	A1		5.20 / 20
INPl	Display input scaling factor	1 to any positive display value	1		5.21 / 20
SCLE	Display scaling factor	1 to any display value	1		5.22 / 20
SSI bits	Number of input bits	1 to 31	1		5.23 / 21
SIGN	Sign bit	on or OFF	OFF		5.24 / 21
SSI Code	SSI code type	bin or GRAY	bin		5.25 / 22
USCL	User simple scaling method	on or OFF	OFF		5.26 / 22
DISP RATE	Display update rate	1 , 2 , 4 , 8 , 16 or 32	4		5.27 / 23
CLR ZEFO	Clear zero	n/a	n/a		5.28 / 23
CLR USCL	Clear user scale operation	n/a	n/a		5.29 / 23
USER SCALE	Two point live input scaling	on or OFF	OFF		5.30 / 23
CAL 1	First live input calibration scaling point	Any display value	n/a		5.31 / 24
CAL 2	First live input calibration scaling point	Any display value	n/a		5.32 / 24
CAL OFFSET	Calibration offset	Any display value	n/a		5.33 / 25
SET OPER	Set display operation	SSI , bcb or bcb24	SSI		6.6 / 29
SSI RATE	SSI clock frequency	L_o or H_i	H_i		5.35 / 25
BAUD RATE	Baud rate for serial communications (*Optional)	300 , 600 , 1200 , 2400 , 4800 , 9600 , 19.2 or 38.4	9600		5.36 / 26

(*Optional)—this function will only be accessible if the relevant option is fitted

Prty	Parity for serial communications (*Optional)	NONE.EVEN or odd	NONE		5.37 / 26
Q.Pulse	Output for serial communications (*Optional)	di SP.Cont. POLL, A.buS or ā.buS	Cont		5.38 / 26
Addr	Instrument address for serial communications (*Optional)	0 to 31	0		5.39 / 27

(*Optional)—this function will only be accessible if the relevant option is fitted

4.1 Relay table

Record your relay settings in the table below. Note: relays 3 and 4 are optionally fitted.

Display	Relay 1	Relay 2	Relay 3	Relay 4
AxLo				
AxH,				
AxHy				
AxLl				
Axrl				
Axn.o or Axn.c				
AxSP or AxLl etc.	n/a			

5 Explanation of functions

The RM4 setup and calibration functions are configured through a push button sequence. The push buttons located at the front of the instrument are used to alter settings. Two basic access modes are available:

FUNC mode (simple push button sequence) allows access to commonly set up functions such as alarm setpoints.

CAL mode (power up sequence plus push button sequence) allows access to all functions including calibration parameters.

Once **CAL** or **FUNC** mode has been entered you can step through the functions, by pressing and releasing the **F** push button, until the required function is reached. Changes to functions are made by pressing the or push button (in some cases both simultaneously) when the required function is reached. See the flow chart example on the following page.

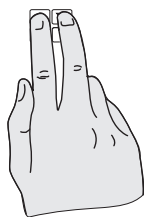
Entering **CAL** Mode



1. Remove power from the instrument. Hold in the **F** button and reapply power. The display will indicate **CAL** as part of the "wake up messages" when the **CAL** message is seen you can release the button.



2. When the "wake up" messages have finished and the display has settled down to its normal reading press, then release the **F** button.



3. Within 2 seconds of releasing the **F** button press, then release the **▲** and **▼** buttons together. The display will now indicate **FUNC** followed by the first function.

Note: If step 1 above has been completed then the instrument will remain in this **CAL** mode state until power is removed. i.e. there is no need to repeat step 1 when accessing function unless power has been removed.

Entering **FUNC** Mode

No special power up procedure is required to enter **FUNC** mode.

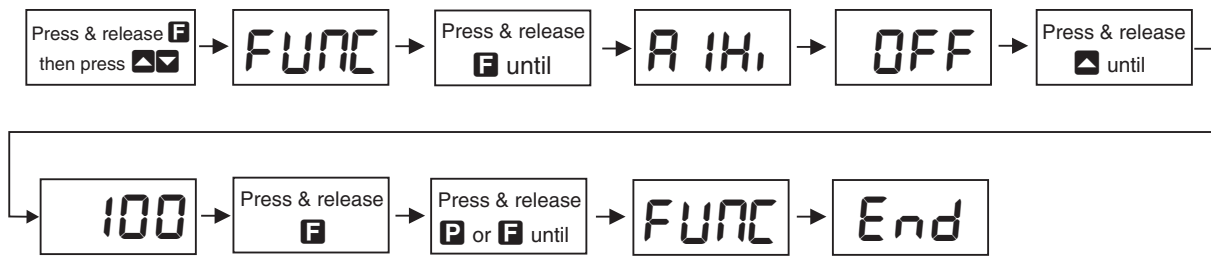


1. When the "wake up" messages have finished and the display has settled down to its normal reading press, then release the **F** button.

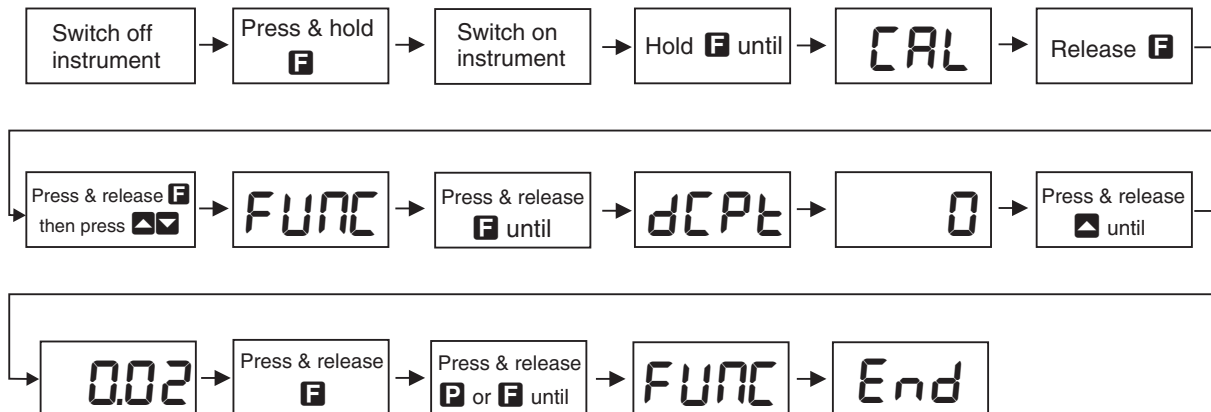


2. Within 2 seconds of releasing the **F** button press, then release the **▲** and **▼** buttons together. The display will now indicate **FUNC** followed by the first function.

Example: Entering **FUNC** mode to change alarm 1 high function **A 1H**, from **OFF** to **100**



Example: Entering **CAL** mode to change decimal point function **dCpT** from **0** to **0.02**



Easy alarm relay adjustment access facility

The display has an easy alarm access facility which allows access to the alarm setpoints simply by pressing the **F** button at the front of the instrument. The first setpoint will then appear and changes to this setpoint may be made to this setpoint via the **▲** or **▼** buttons. Press the **F** button to accept any changes or to move on to the next setpoint. Note: this easy access also functions in the same manner for the PI control setpoint (relay and/or analog PI output) if PI control is available. The instrument must be set in the manner described below to allow the easy access facility to work:

1. The **FUNC** function must be set to **SPAC** or the **ACCS** function must be set to **EASY**.
2. At least one alarm must have a setpoint, nothing will happen if all the alarm setpoints are set to **OFF**.
3. The **SPAC** function must be set to allow access to the relays required e.g. if set to **A 1-2** then the easy access will work only with alarm relays 1 and 2 even if more relays are fitted.
4. The instrument must be in normal measure mode i.e. if the instrument is powered up so that it is in **CAL** mode then the easy access will not function. If in doubt remove power from the instrument, wait for a few seconds then apply power again.
5. If the easy access facility is used then the only way to view or alter any other function settings is to power up via **CAL** mode i.e. there is no entry to **FUNC** mode functions unless the instrument is powered up in **CAL** mode.

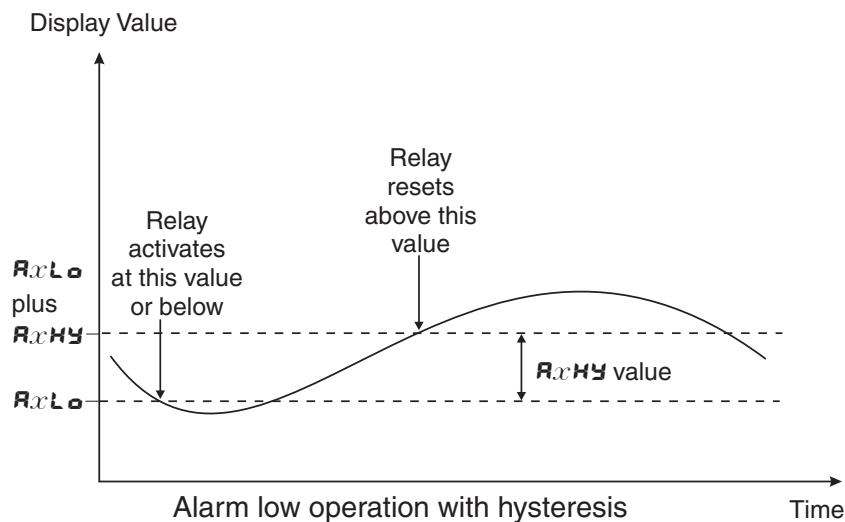
5.1 Alarm relay low setpoint

Display: **$RxLo$**
Range: Any display value or **OFF**
Default Value: **OFF**

Displays and sets the low setpoint value for the designated alarm relay x . Note x will be replaced by the relay number when displayed e.g. **$R1Lo$** for relay 1. Use this low setpoint function if a relay operation is required when the display value becomes equal to or less than the low setpoint value. To set a low alarm value go to the **$RxLo$** function and use the **▲** or **▼** push buttons to set the value required then press **F** to accept this value. The low alarm setpoint may be disabled by pressing the **▲** and **▼** push buttons simultaneously. When the alarm is disabled the display will indicate **OFF**. If the relay is allocated both a low and high setpoint then the relay will activate when the value displayed moves outside the band set by the low and high setpoints. The value at which the relay will reset is controlled by the **$RxHy$** function.

Example:

If **$R1Lo$** is set to **10** then relay 1 will activate when the display value is 10 or less.



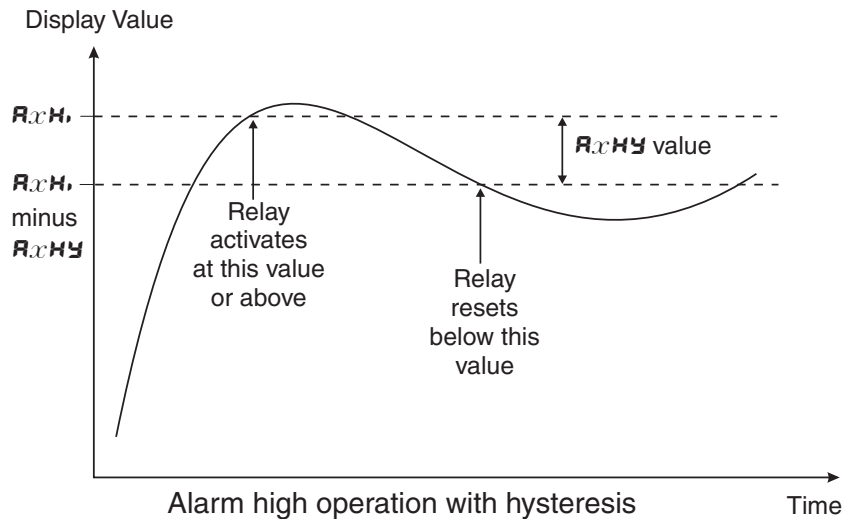
5.2 Alarm relay high setpoint

Display: **RxH**
Range: Any display value or **OFF**
Default Value: **OFF**

Displays and sets the high setpoint value for the designated alarm relay x . Note x will be replaced by the relay number when displayed e.g. **$R1H$** for relay 1. Use this high setpoint function if a relay operation is required when the display value becomes equal to or more than the low setpoint value. To set a high alarm value go to the **RxH** function and use the **▲** or **▼** push buttons to set the value required then press **F** to accept this value. The high alarm setpoint may be disabled by pressing the **▲** and **▼** push buttons simultaneously. When the alarm is disabled the display will indicate **OFF**. If the relay is allocated both a low and high setpoint then the relay will activate when the value displayed moves outside the band set by the low and high setpoints. The value at which the relay will reset is controlled by the **$RxHy$** function.

Example:

If **$R1H$** is set to **100** then relay 1 will activate when the display value is **100** or higher.



5.3 Alarm relay hysteresis (deadband)

Display: R_{xxHY}
 Range: 0 to 9999
 Default Value: 10

Displays and sets the alarm relay hysteresis limit for the designated relay x . Note x will be replaced by the relay number when displayed e.g. R_{1HY} for relay 1. To set a relay hysteresis value go to the R_{xxHY} function and use the \blacktriangle or \blacktriangledown push buttons to set the value required then press \mathbf{F} to accept this value. The hysteresis value is common to both high and low setpoint values. The hysteresis value may be used to prevent too frequent operation of the relay when the measured value is rising and falling around setpoint value. e.g. if R_{1HY} is set to zero the alarm will activate when the display value reaches the alarm setpoint (for high alarm) and will reset when the display value falls below the setpoint, this can result in repeated on/off switching of the relay at around the setpoint value.

The hysteresis setting operates as follows: In the high alarm mode, once the alarm is activated the input must fall below the setpoint value minus the hysteresis value to reset the alarm. e.g. if R_{1H} is to 50.0 and R_{1HY} is set to 3.0 then the setpoint output relay will activate once the display value goes to 50.0 or above and will reset when the display value goes below 47.0 i.e. at 46.9 or below. In the low alarm mode, once the alarm is activated the input must rise above the setpoint value plus the hysteresis value to reset the alarm. e.g. if R_{1L} is to 20.0 and R_{1HY} is set to 10.0 then the alarm output relay will activate when the display value falls to 20.0 or below and will reset when the display value goes above 30.0 i.e. at 30.1 or above. The hysteresis units are expressed in displayed engineering units.

Example: If R_{1H} is set to 100 and R_{1HY} is set to 10 then relay 1 will activate when the display value is 100 or higher and will reset at a display value of 89 or lower.

5.4 Alarm relay trip time

Display: R_{xtt}
 Range: 0 to 9999
 Default Value: 0

Displays and sets the alarm trip time in seconds. The trip time is common for both alarm high and

low setpoint values. The trip time provides a time delay before the alarm relay will activate when an alarm condition is present. The alarm condition must be present continuously for the whole trip time period before the alarm will activate. If the input moves out of alarm condition during this period the timer will reset and the full time delay will be restored. This trip time delay is useful for preventing an alarm trip due to short non critical deviations from setpoint. The trip time is selectable over **0** to **9999** seconds. To set a trip time value go to the **Axte** function and use the **▲** or **▼** push buttons to set the value required then press **F** to accept this value.

Example: If **Ate** is set to **5** seconds then the display must indicate an alarm value for a full 5 seconds before relay 1 will activate.

5.5 Alarm relay reset time

Display: **Axrt**
Range: **0** to **9999**
Default Value: **0**

Displays and sets the alarm reset delay time in seconds. The reset time is common for both alarm high and low setpoint values. With the alarm condition is removed the alarm relay will stay in its alarm condition for the time selected as the reset time. If the input moves back into alarm condition during this period the timer will reset and the full time delay will be restored. The reset time is selectable over **0** to **9999** seconds. To set a reset time value go to the **Axrt** function and use the **▲** or **▼** push buttons to set the value required then press **F** to accept this value.

Example: If **Airt** is set to **10** seconds then the resetting of alarm relay 1 will be delayed by 10 seconds.

5.6 Alarm relay normally open/closed

Display: **Axn.o** or **Axn.c**
Range: **Axn.o** or **Axn.c**
Default Value: **Axn.o**

Displays and sets the setpoint alarm relay *x* action to normally open (de-energised) or normally closed (energised), when no alarm condition is present. Since the relay will always open when power is removed a normally closed alarm is often used to provide a power failure alarm indication. To set the alarm relay for normally open or closed go to the **Axn.o** or **Axn.c** function and use the **▲** or **▼** push buttons to set the required operation then press **F** to accept this selection. **Example:** If set to **A1n.o** alarm relay 1 will be open circuit when the display is outside alarm condition and will be closed (short circuit across terminals) when the display is in alarm condition.

5.7 Alarm relay setpoint or trailing operation

Display: **AxSP** or **Axt i** etc.
Range: **AxSP** or **Axt i** etc.
Default Value: **AxSP**

Relay operation independent setpoint or trailing setpoint, this function will not be seen unless extra optional relays are fitted. Each alarm relay, except relay 1, may be programmed to operate

with an independent setpoint value or may be linked to operate at a fixed difference to another relay setpoint, known as trailing operation. The operation is as follows:

Alarm 1 (**A1**) is always independent. Alarm 2 (**A2**) may be independent or may be linked to Alarm 1. Alarm 3 (**A3**) may be independent or may be linked to Alarm 1 or Alarm 2. Alarm 4 (**A4**) may be independent or may be linked to Alarm 1, Alarm 2 or Alarm 3. The operation of each alarm is selectable by selecting, for example, (Alarm 4) **A4.SP** = Alarm 4 normal setpoint or **A4.T1** = Alarm 4 trailing Alarm 1 or **A4.T2** = Alarm 4 trailing Alarm 2 or **A4.T3** = Alarm 4 trailing Alarm 3. For trailing set points the setpoint value is entered as the difference from the setpoint being trailed. If the trailing setpoint is to operate ahead of the prime setpoint then the value is entered as a positive number and if operating behind the prime setpoint then the value is entered as a negative number.

Example: With Alarm 2 set to trail alarm 1, if **A1H** is set to **1000** and **A2H** is set to **50** then Alarm 1 will activate at **1000** and alarm 2 will activate at **1050** (i.e. 1000 + 50). If Alarm 2 had been set at **-50** then alarm 2 would activate at **950** (i.e. 1000 - 50).

5.8 Preset value

Display: **P.SET**
Range: Any display value
Default Value: **0**

Displays and sets the preset value. The preset value can be used via the **P** button to force the display to go to the preset value. A change in the input value will then cause the display to rise or fall from the preset value. To use the **P** button to operate the preset function set the **P.fun** function to **P.SET**.

5.9 Display brightness

Display: **brgt**
Range: **1** to **15**
Default Value: **15**

Displays and sets the digital display brightness. The display brightness is selectable from **1** to **15**, where **1** = lowest intensity and **15** = highest intensity. This function is useful for improving the display readability in dark areas or to reduce the power consumption of the instrument. See also the **dull** function. To set brightness level go to the **brgt** function and use the **▲** or **▼** push buttons to set the value required then press **F** to accept this value.

5.10 Auto display dimming timer

Display: **d.off SECS**
Range: **0** to **9999**
Default Value: **0**

This function allows a time to be set after which the display brightness (set by the **brgt** function) will automatically be set to the level set at the **dull** function. The auto dimming feature can be used to reduce power consumption. The function can be set to any value between **0** and **9999**

seconds. A setting of **0** disables the auto dimming. The display brightness can be restored by pressing any of the instruments front push buttons. The display brightness will also be restored whilst one or more alarm relays is activated. In normal display mode (i.e. not in **CAL** mode) there is a 2 minute delay period after the instrument is switched on during which the automatic display dimming will not operate. If any of the front pusbuttons are pressed during this period this 2 minute delay will be canceled.

5.11 Analog output option low value

Display: **FEEL**
Range: Any display value
Default Value: **0**

Seen only when analog retransmission option fitted. Refer to the separate “RM4 Din Rail Meter Optional Output Addendum” booklet supplied when this option is fitted for wiring details and link settings. Displays and sets the analog retransmission (4–20mA, 0–1V or 0–10V, link selectable) output low value (4mA or 0V) in displayed engineering units. To set the analog output low value go to the **FEEL** function and use the **▲** or **▼** push buttons to set the required value then press **F** to accept this selection.

Example: If it is required to retransmit 4mA when the display indicates **0** then select **0** in this function using the **▲** or **▼** button.

5.12 Analog output option high value

Display: **FEEL**
Range: Any display value
Default Value: **1000**

Seen only when analog retransmission option fitted. Refer to the separate “RM4 Din Rail Meter Optional Output Addendum” booklet supplied when this option is fitted for wiring details and link settings. Displays and sets the analog retransmission (4–20mA, 0–1V or 0–10V, link selectable) output high display value (20mA, 1V or 10V) in displayed engineering units. To set the analog output high value go to the **FEEL** function and use the **▲** or **▼** push buttons to set the required value then press **F** to accept this selection.

Example: If it is required to retransmit 20mA when the display indicates **50** then select **50** in this function using the **▲** or **▼** button.

5.13 Second analog output option low value

Display: **FEEL CH2**
Range: Any display value
Default Value: **0**

See **FEEL** function 5.11 for description of operation.



5.14 Second analog output option high value

Display: **FEC~ CH2**
Range: Any display value
Default Value: **1000**

See **FEC~** function 5.12 for description of operation.

5.15 Display rounding



Display: **drnd**
Range: **1** to **5000**
Default Value: **1**

Displays and sets the display rounding value. This value may be set to 1 - 5000 displayed units. Display rounding is useful for reducing the instrument resolution without loss of accuracy in applications where it is undesirable to display to a fine tolerance. To set the display rounding value go to the **drnd** function and use the  or  push buttons to set the required value then press **F** to accept this selection.

Example: If set to **10** the display values will change in multiples of 10 only i.e. display moves from **10** to **20** to **30** etc.





5.16 Decimal point

Display: **dCPl**
Range: **0**, **0.1** etc.
Default Value: **0**

Displays and sets the decimal point. By pressing the  or  pushbutton at the **dCPl** function the decimal point position may be set. The display will indicate as follows: **0** (no decimal point), **0.1** (1 decimal place), **0.02** (2 decimal places), **0.003** (3 decimal places) or **0.0004** (4 decimal places). Note if the decimal point is altered the display may need to be recalibrated and alarm etc. settings checked.

5.17 Digital filter

Display: **FLtr**
Range: **0** to **8**
Default Value: **2**

Displays and sets the digital filter value. Digital filtering uses a weighted average method of determining the display value and is used for reducing display value variation due to short term interference. The digital filter range is selectable from **0** to **8**, where **0** = none and **8** = most filtering. Use  or  at the **FLtr** function to alter the filter level if required. Note that the higher the filter setting the longer the display may take to reach its final value when the input is changed, similarly the relay operation and any output options will be slowed down when the filter setting is increased. To set the digital filter value go to the **FLtr** function and use the  or 

push buttons to set the required value then press **F** to accept this selection.

5.18 **P** button function

Display: **Pbute**
Range: **NONE, H, Lo, H, Lo, ZERO** or **P.SET**
Default Value: **NONE**

P button function - a only applicable models with front panel **P** buttons. The **P** button may be set to operate one of the following selections:

- **NONE** - **P** has no operation.
- **H** - Peak memory. This function allows the **P** to be used to view and reset the peak memory. The peak memory is the maximum positive display value achieved since the peak memory was last reset. To view the peak memory press the **P** momentarily, the display will show the indicator **PH**, followed by the peak reading. This peak reading will be retained on the display for approximately 20 seconds before returning to “live” display readings, alternatively the display can be forced to return to “live” measurement by pressing the **F**. To reset the peak memory hold the **P** pressed for 3 seconds or remove power to the display.
- **Lo** - Valley memory. Operates in the same manner as the **H** function above but operates on the lowest value in memory. The indicator **PLo** will be seen prior to the valley memory value.
- **H, Lo** - Peak/valley memory. Operates in the same manner as the **H** and **Lo** memories but allows toggling between high and low values i.e. press once momentarily to view peak high and again momentarily to view peak low.
- **ZERO** - display zero. Either the **U.SCL** or **USER SCALE** function must be set to **on** if the **ZERO** operation is required. When the **ZERO** operation is used the display will show the message **ZERO** and the display value will fall to zero. All zero operations can be reset i.e. cleared via the **CLR ZERO** function if required. Hold the **P** button pressed for 2-3 seconds to activate the zero operation.
- **P.SET** - preset value. Either the **U.SCL** or **USER SCALE** function must be set to **on** if the **P.SET** operation is required. The **P** button can be used to force the display to the preset value, this preset value is set at the **P.SET** function. Any changes in the output from the sensor will then add or subtract from the displayed preset value. Hold the **P** button pressed for 2-3 seconds to activate the preset operation.

5.19 Access mode

Display: **ACCS**
Range: **OFF, EASY, NONE** or **ALL**
Default Value: **OFF**

Access mode - the access mode function **ACCS** has four possible settings namely **OFF, EASY, NONE** and **ALL**. If set to **OFF** the mode function has no effect on alarm relay operation. If set to **EASY** the “easy alarm access” mode will be activated. Refer to “Easy alarm relay adjustment access facility” page 12. If set to **NONE** there will be no access to any functions via **FUNC** mode,

entry via **CAL** mode must be made to gain access to alarm and calibration functions. If set to **ALL** then access to all functions, including calibration functions, can be gained via **FUNC** mode.

5.20 Setpoint access mode

Display: **SPAC**
Range: **A1, A1-2** etc.
Default Value: **A1**

Setpoint access - sets the access via **FUNC** mode and “easy alarm access” mode to the alarm relay setpoints. Two relays are fitted as standard, two more are optionally available. The following choices are available:

- A1** - Allows setpoint access to alarm relay 1 only.
- A1-2** - Allows setpoint access to alarm relays 1 and 2 only.
- A1-3** - Allows setpoint access to alarm relays 1, 2 and 3
- A1-4** - Allows setpoint access to alarm relays 1, 2, 3 and 4

The remote input function (**RIIP**) must be set to **SPAC** for this function to operate. Note: Only the setpoints which have been given a value will be accessible e.g. if **A1H** is set to **OFF** then there will be no access to the **A1H** function when **SPAC** is used.

5.21 Display input scaling factor

Display: **IPF**
Range: **1** to any positive display value
Default Value: **1**

The **IPF** factor and the **SCALE** factor are used to scale the display to read in engineering units e.g. metres. The **IPF** value must always be a whole number, see **SCALE** below for formula used.

5.22 Display scaling factor

Display: **SCALE**
Range: **1** to any display value
Default Value: **1**

The **SCALE** value is used together with the **IPF** value to calculate the value to be displayed from the SSI input value transmitted from the encoder. These two functions are used to calculate the display value and are used only when the alternative scaling methods of **USCL** and **USER SCALE** are both set to **OFF**. The scale factor can be set to any display value and the decimal point value seen at this function will be set by the **DCPF** function.

If the relevant details of the encoder and display requirements are known the easiest way to find the **IPF** and **SCALE** values is to use the maximum output value from the encoder as the **IPF** value and the display value for this maximum output value as the **SCALE** value. For example a 16 bit encoder has an output of 0 to 65535. If you wish this to display 0 to 1500 over the full range of the encoder then set the **IPF** value to 65535 and the **SCALE** value to 1500.

The display value is calculated in the following manner:

$$\text{Display value} = \frac{\text{Value sent from encoder} \times \text{SCALE}}{\text{INPT}}$$

Example: A 12 bit SSI encoder will give an output in the range 0 to 4095 (if only positive values are used). The display is to be scaled to show 0.0 to 359.9 over this 12 bit range. With 1 decimal point the **INPT** value could be set to **4095** and the **SCALE** value set to **359.9** to achieve this i.e. at one quarter output from the encoder (i.e. 1024) the display value is calculated from:

$$\text{Display value} = \frac{1024 \times 359.9}{4095}$$

i.e. Display value = 90.0

5.23 Number of input bits from encoder

Display: **SSI BITS**
Range: **1** to **31**
Default Value: **1**

Displays and selects the number of input bits which the display will interpret as incoming data. This can be set from 1 to 31 bits. For example with an **INPT** of **1** and a **SCALE** of **1** and 12 bits selected the display will show from **0** to **4095**, i.e. the 12 bit binary number range, before returning to **0**. Note: If the **SI SN** function is set to **on** then the maximum range displayed in this example is **-2048** and **2047**. The table which follows gives some examples of the effect of **INPT**, **SCALE**, **SSI BITS** and **SI SN** settings.

INPT	SCALE	SSI BITS	SI SN	Viewable display range
1	1	12	OFF	0 to 4095
1	- 1	12	OFF	0 to -4095
1	1	12	on	-2048 to 2047
1	- 1	12	on	-2047 to 2048
1	2	12	OFF	0 to 8191
2	1	12	OFF	0 to 2047
1	1	13	OFF	0 to 8191
1	1	14	OFF	0 to 16383
1	1	20	OFF	0 to 1048575
1	1.00	20	OFF	0 to 1048.58
8192	1000	12	OFF	0 to 500

5.24 Sign bit

Display: **SI SN**
Range: **on** or **OFF**
Default Value: **OFF**

Displays and sets the sign bit enabling. With the **SI SN** function set to **on** the data is interpreted as a twos compliment signed number, masked to the number of bits set by the **SSI BITS** function.

See the **SSI b, t S** function above for the effect of the **SI 9n** setting on the values displayed for a given number of input bits.

5.25 SSI code type

Display: **SSI Code**
Range: **b, n** or **GRAY**
Default Value: **b, n**

The input type can be set to **b, n** for binary or to **GRAY** for gray code SSI to match the output type from the sensor.

5.26 User simple scaling method

Display: **U.SCL**
Range: **on** or **OFF**
Default Value: **OFF**

Two point scaling method using a zero or preset operation via a remote input switch or front **P** button as the first scaling point and a **F** button operation to scale as second point. This method provides a simple scaling method without the need to enter the setup functions and is generally used where scaling is to be changed frequently.

The user scale function allows the front panel **F** button to be used to enter a scale value. To operate by this method the **U.SCL** function must be set to **on**. If this method of scaling is used the **INPT** and **SCALE** functions are not used and the **USER SCALE** function must be set to **OFF**.

The **P** button must be used to zero the display with the encoder in its zero position or set the display to a preset value with the encoder at a known position prior to the **U.SCL** operation. See **P.but** (section 5.18) function. The operator then simply moves the encoder to a different known position and then holds the **F** button pressed for approximately 2 seconds. The message **SCALE** will then appear followed by the previous scale value. The value can now be adjusted via the **▲** or **▼** pushbutton. The **F** button is pressed to accept the change or the **P** button can be pressed to abort the scaling. If an error occurs such as trying to give a scaling value to a display reading which is zero then the message **SCALE Error** will be seen.

Example: the sensor is moved to its zero position and a **ZERO** operation carried out via the **P** button. The sensor is then moved a known distance and the **U.SCL** operation is carried out via the **F** button.

Notes: Easy access (**ACCESS** function set to **EASY**) to alarm functions cannot be used if **U.SCL** is set to **on**. If **ACCESS** is set to **EASY** or **CAL** when **U.SCL** is set to on then **FUNC** mode entry will operate as the “easy access” mode and entry via **CAL** mode will have to be made to access any other functions.

5.27 Display update rate

Display: **DISP RATE**
Range: **1, 2, 4, 8, 16** or **32**
Default Value: **4**

Displays and sets the display update rate in updates per second e.g. if **4** is selected then the display will update four times per second. The lowest satisfactory update rate should be chosen. If too high a rate is selected then the rapid update may cause an apparent flickering of the display. The update rate affects the display only and does not affect the sampling rate, alarm update etc.

5.28 Clear zero

Display: **CLR ZERO**
Range: n/a
Default Value: n/a

Allows any zero operations performed via the remote input or **P** button to be cleared. Pressing the **▲** and **▼** buttons simultaneously will clear the zero offset, the message **CLRd** will be seen, confirming the zero clearing operation is completed.

5.29 Clear user scale operation

Display: **CLR USCL**
Range: n/a
Default Value: n/a

The display scaling via the **USCL** function operation can be cleared at this function. Pressing the **▲** and **▼** buttons simultaneously will clear the user scaling and will cause the scaling to revert to a 1:1 equivalent i.e. equivalent to **INPE** function set to **1** and **SCALE** function set to **1**. Note that clearing the user scale will not clear any zero or preset operations, the **CLR ZERO** function must be used to clear any zero offsets. If necessary the preset value can be changed at the **P.SET** function and the **P** button or remote input used to activate the preset operation to return the display to the required scaling.

5.30 Two point live input scaling

Display: **USER SCALE**
Range: **on** or **OFF**
Default Value: **OFF**

Allows selection of two point live input calibration to be used when this function is set to **on**. This method allows scaling without the need to calculate the required scaling from the SSI encoder/sensor data.

The **CAL 1** and **CAL 2** functions described below can then be used to scale the display. If required the **CAL OFFSET** function can be used to make an adjustment to add or subtract an offset value across the display range. The **CAL 1**, **CAL 2** and **CAL OFFSET** functions will only be seen when

the **USER SCL** function is set to **on**. Note: the **USCL** function must be set to **OFF** when the **USER SCL** function is used.







5.31 First calibration scaling point

Display: **CAL 1**
Range: Any display value
Default Value: n/a

This method of display scaling is used only when the **USER SCL** function is set to **on**. **CAL 1** and **CAL 2** are used together to scale the instruments display, values for both must be set when using this scaling method.

The **CAL 1** function sets the first calibration point for live input calibration. When using this method a “live” signal input must be present at the input terminals. Note: **CAL 1** and **CAL 2** can be set independently i.e. it is not necessary to perform a **CAL 2** operation directly after a **CAL 1**. Note that some display rounding may occur if the scaling values entered are larger than the normal binary or Gray code values.

The procedure for entering the first scaling point is:

1. Ensure that an input signal of a know value from an encoder etc. is present at the input terminals, this will normally be at the low end of the range.
2. At the **CAL 1** function press  and  simultaneously, then release them. The display will indicate the live input value. Do not be concerned at this stage if the live input display value is not what is required.
3. Press then release the  button. The display will indicate **SCL 1** followed by a value. Use the  or  button to change this value to the required display scale value at this input. Press the  button to accept changes, the display will show **CAL End** and will then move on to the next function.

5.32 First calibration scaling point

Display: **CAL 2**
Range: Any display value
Default Value: n/a

This method of display scaling is used only when the **USER SCL** function is set to **on**. **CAL 1** and **CAL 2** are used together to scale the instruments display, values for both must be set when using this scaling method.

The second point scaling is performed in exactly the same manner as **CAL 1** except that **SCL 2** will be seen instead of **SCL 1**. It is essential that the live input is different in value to the **CAL 1** input. The procedure for entering the second scaling point is:

1. Ensure that an input signal of a know value (different to the input used at **CAL 1**) from an encoder etc. is present at the input terminals, this will normally be at the high end of the range.

2. At the **CAL2** function press **▲** and **▼** simultaneously, then release them. The display will indicate the live input value. Do not be concerned at this stage if the live input display value is not what is required.
3. Press then release the **F** button. The display will indicate **SCL2** followed by a value. Use the **▼** or **▲** button to change this value to the required display scale value at this input. Press the **F** button to accept changes, the display will show **CAL End** and will then move on to the next function.

5.33 Calibration offset

Display: **CAL OFFSE**
 Range: Any display value
 Default Value: n/a

This function will only be seen and can only be used if the **USER SCALE** function is set to **on**.

The calibration offset is a single point adjustment which can be used to alter the calibration scaling values across the entire measuring range without affecting the calibration slope. This method can be used instead of performing a two point calibration when a constant measurement error is found to exist across the entire range. To perform a calibration offset press the **▲** and **▼** buttons simultaneously at the **CAL OFFSE** function. A "live" reading from the input will be seen, make a note of this reading. Press the **F** button, the message **SCALE** will now be seen followed by the last scale value in memory. Use the **▲** or **▼** button to adjust the scale value to the required display value for that input. For example if the "live" input reading was **50** and the required display value for this input was **70** then adjust the **SCALE** value to **70**.

5.34 Set display operation

Display: **SET OPER**
 Range: **SSI** , **bc8** or **bc24**
 Default Value: **SSI**

Allows selection of one of the three main operation mode. Select **SSI** if the input is an **SSI** signal (binary or Gray code) from encoder etc. The remaining two modes are for use only when the instrument is connected to a RM-BC or RM4-BC converter. The two remaining modes are bc8 for 8 bit BCD and bc24 for up to 24 bit BCD inputs. The BCD input can be either parallel, strobed or addressed.

5.35 SSI clock frequency

Display: **SSI RATE**
 Range: **L0** or **H0**
 Default Value: **H0**

Allows settings of **L0** (90kHz) or **H0** (600kHz) clock frequencies. The normal setting is **H0** . Use **L0** only if communications difficulties are experienced due to long cable runs.

5.36 Baud rate for optional serial communications

Display: **BAUD RATE**
Range: **300 . 600 . 1200 . 2400 . 4800 . 9600 . 19.2** or **38.4**
Default Value: **9600**

Set baud rate - seen only with serial output option. Refer to the separate “RM4 Din Rail Meter Optional Output Addendum” booklet supplied when optional outputs are fitted. Select from **300 . 600 . 1200 . 2400 . 4800 . 9600 . 19.2** or **38.4** baud. The baud rate should be set to match the device being communicated with.

5.37 Parity for optional serial communications

Display: **Prty**
Range: **NONE . EVEN** or **odd**
Default Value: **NONE**

Set parity - seen only with serial output option. Refer to the separate “RM4 Din Rail Meter Optional Output Addendum” booklet supplied when optional outputs are fitted. Select parity check to either **NONE**, **EVEN** or **odd**. The parity should be set to match the device being communicated with.

5.38 Output mode for optional serial communications

Display: **O.Put**
Range: **di SP . Cont . POLL , R.buS** or **~.buS**
Default Value: **Cont**

Set serial interface mode - seen only with serial output option. Refer to the separate “RM4 Din Rail Meter Optional Output Addendum” booklet supplied when optional outputs are fitted. Allows user to select the serial interface operation as follows:

di SP - sends image data from the display without conversion to ASCII.

Cont - sends 8 bit ASCII form of display data at a rate typically 90% of the sample rate.

POLL - controlled by computer or PLC as host. Host sends command via RS232/485 and instrument responds as requested.

R.buS - is a special communications mode used with Windows compatible optional PC download software. Refer to the user manual supplied with this optional software.

~.buS - Modbus RTU protocol.

5.39 Instrument address for optional serial communications

Display: **Addr**
Range: **0 to 31**
Default Value: **0**

Set unit address for polled (**POLL**) or **RS485** mode (**0** to **31**) - seen only with serial output option. Refer to the separate “RM4 Din Rail Meter Optional Output Addendum” booklet supplied when optional outputs are fitted. Allows several units to operate on the same RS485 interface reporting on different areas etc. The host computer or PLC may poll each unit in turn supplying the appropriate address. The unit address ranges from 0 to 31 (DEC) but is offset by 32 (DEC) to avoid clashing with ASCII special function characters (such as <STX> and <CR>). Therefore 32 (DEC) or 20 (HEX) is address 0, 42 (DEC) or 2A (HEX) is address 10. Do not use address 0 in **RS485** mode.

5.40 Returning to normal measure mode

When the calibration has been completed it is advisable to return the instrument to the normal mode (where calibration functions are less likely to be tampered with). To return to normal mode, turn off power to the instrument, wait a few seconds and then restore power.

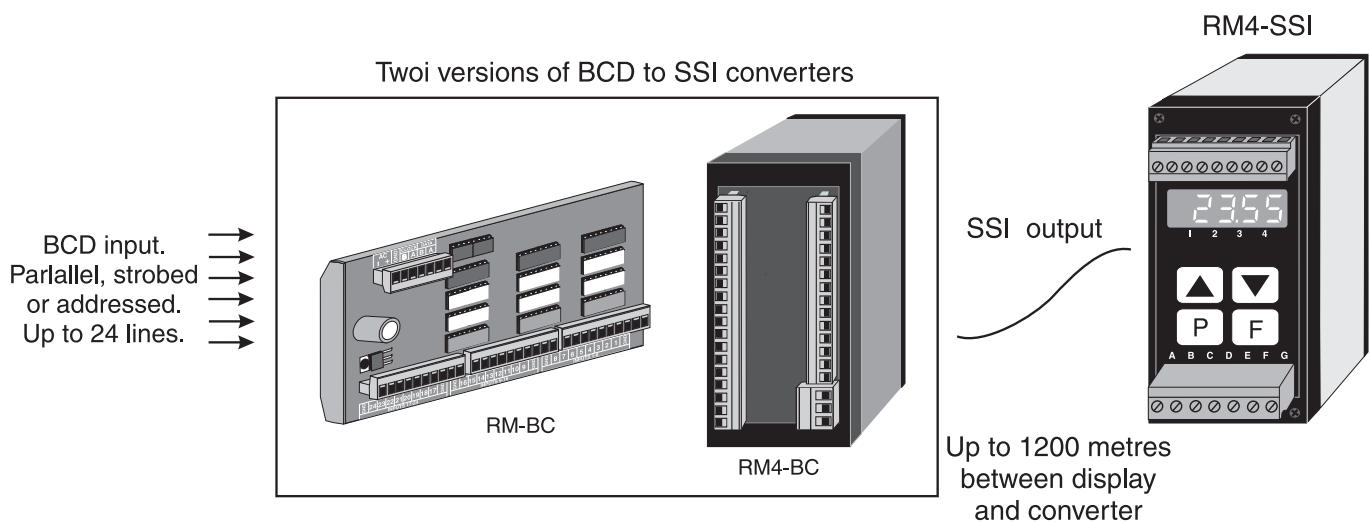
5.41 Error Messages

- **Too Big** - this message means that the number being received is too big to display e.g. **12345** cannot be displayed on a 4 digit display.
- **SCALE Error** - this message means that an error occurred whilst attempting to scale the display. Check that the sensor is connected correctly and that the scaling method was followed correctly.

6 BCD Converter Input Functions

This chapter covers extra functions seen when the **SEt OPER** function is set to **bc8** (8 bit) or **bc24** (24 bit). See “Explanation of Functions” chapter 5 for a description of the alternative operation mode and for functions common to each mode. The functions below are also described in the “Explanation of Functions” chapter.

When **bc8** or **bc24** operation mode is selected the display must receive its SSI input from a model RM-BC or RM4-BC converter. These instruments convert a BCD input signal to SSI. The input can be selected as either parallel, strobed or addressed BCD. Refer to the instruction manual supplied with the converter for details of electrical connections and required function settings for the electrical input type being used.



The setup and scaling functions are configured through a push button sequence. Refer to the diagram on page 10 for details on accessing setup functions.

Explanation of functions

6.1 Select input mode from BCD converter

Display: **SEt bcd**
Range: **PARL**, **Strb** or **Addr**
Default Value: **PARL**

For use with the optional BCD converter only. This function is used to select the input type to be used. Select **PARL** for a multiparallel input, select **Strb** for a strobed input or select **Addr** for an addressed input type.

6.2 Input data polarity from BCD converter

Display: **DATA POL**
Range: **Lo** or **Hi**
Default Value: **Lo**

For use with the optional BCD converter only. Select **Lo** for active low BCD input signals or **Hi**.

for active high BCD input signals.

6.3 Strobe polarity from BCD converter

Display: **St**r**b POL**

Range: **L0** or **H1**

Default Value: **L0**

For use with the optional BCD converter only. Select **L0** for active low strobe input or **H1** for active high strobe input.

6.4 Code for non BCD character from BCD converter

Display: **bcd Code**

Range: **0** to **5**

Default Value: **0**

For use with the optional BCD converter only. Select the format for non BCD inputs i.e. A to F or 1010 to 1111.

0 - A to F (1010 to 1111) displays blanks

1 - A to F (1010 to 1111) displays **A, b, C, d, E, F**

2 - A to F (1010 to 1111) displays **-, C, i, o, o**, blank

3 - A to F (1010 to 1111) displays **A, L, H, i, o**, blank

4 - A to F (1010 to 1111) displays **o, C, F, -, -, -**

5 - A to F (1010 to 1111) displays **-, E, H, L, P**, blank

6.5 Number of digits to display from BCD converter

Display: **bcd d, gt**

Range: **1** to **5**

Default Value: **5**

For use with the optional BCD converter only. Displays and sets the number of digits to display. Settings available range from 1 to the number of display digits available e.g.1 to 5 on a 5 digit display. Note: that an 8 bit converter using parallel input will only allow a 2 digit display.

6.6 Set display operation

Display: **Set OPER**

Range: **SSI**, **bcd 8** or **bcd 24**

Default Value: **SSI**

Allows selection of one of the three main operation mode. Select **SSI** if the input is an **SSI** signal (binary or Gray code) from encoder etc. The remaining two modes are for use only when the

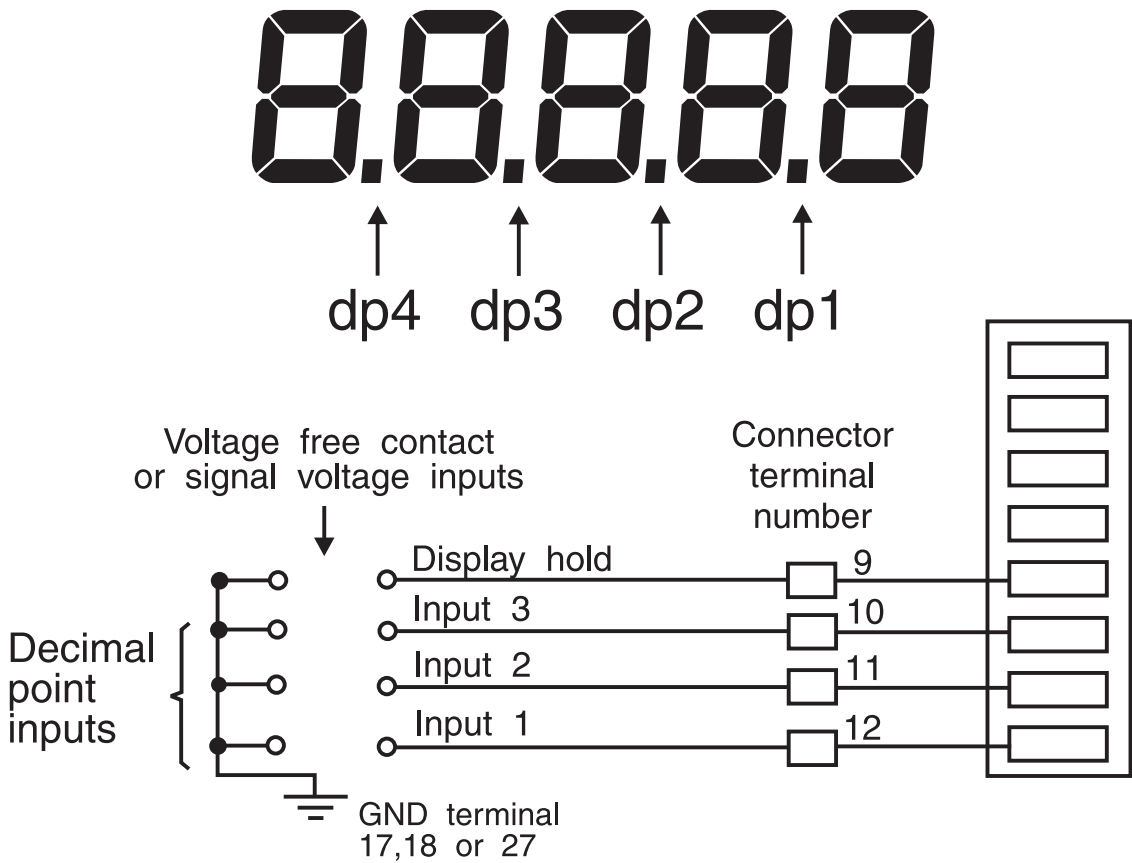
instrument is connected to a RM-BC or RM4-BC converter. The two remaining modes are bc8 for 8 bit BCD and bc24 for up to 24 bit BCD inputs. The BCD input can be either parallel, strobed or addressed.

6.7 Decimal point input from BCD converter

Display: **dp1 dp2**
Range: **on** or **OFF**
Default Value: **OFF**

For use with optional 24 bit BCD converter inputs only, must be set to **OFF** if a **bc8** converter is used. This function can be set to **on** or **OFF**. When set to **OFF** none of the BCD to SSI converter inputs can be used as decimal point inputs. When set to **on** terminals 10, 11 and 12 can be used to select a decimal point position on the display. See diagram below for further description.

Decimal point and display hold inputs.
Note: for use with **bc24** converters only
see **dp1 dp2** and **dp1 dp2 HOLD** functions.



Decimal point selection table

	No decimal points	dp1 on	dp2 on	dp3 on	dp4 on
Input 1	Inactive	Active	Inactive	Active	Inactive
Input 2	Inactive	Inactive	Active	Active	Inactive
Input 3	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Inactive	Active

6.8 Display hold from BCD converter

Display: **INPUT HOLD**

Range: **on** or **OFF**

Default Value: **OFF**

For use with optional 24 bit BCD converter inputs only, must be set to **OFF** if a **bc8** converter is used. This function can be set to **on** or **OFF**. When set to **OFF** none of the BCD to SSI converter inputs can be used as a display hold input. When set to **on** terminal 9 can be used as a display hold input i.e. whilst this input is active the display value will be frozen. See **dp INPUT** diagram for further description.

6.9 Display hold input polarity from BCD converter

Display: **HOLD POL**

Range: **on** or **OFF**

Default Value: **OFF**

For use with the optional BCD converter only. When the **INPUT HOLD** function is set to **on** the **INPUT HOLD** function can be used to select an active high input for the display hold (**Hi**) or active low input (**Lo**).

7 Specifications

7.1 Technical specifications

Input:	Synchronous Serial Interface (SSI) selectable as binary or Gray code. 8 or 24 bit BCD input via model RM4-BC or RM-BC converter
Clock rate:	Selectable as 90kHz or 600kHz
Microprocessor:	HC68HC11F CMOS
Ambient temperature:	-10 to 60° C
Humidity:	5 to 95% non condensing
Display:	LED 5 digit 7.6mm + alarm annunciator LEDs
Power supply:	AC 240V, 110V 32V or 24V 50/60Hz or DC isolated wide range 12 to 48V Note: supply type is factory configured
Power consumption:	AC supply 4 VA max, DC supply depends on options fitted, consult supplier
Output (standard):	2 x relay, Form A, rated 5A resistive. Programmable N.O. or N.C.

7.2 Optional outputs

Third relay:	Rated 0.5A resistive 30VAC or DC May be configured as form A or form C if the third relay is the only option fitted
Fourth relay:	Rated 0.5A resistive 30VAC or DC, form A
Analog output:	Isolated 4 to 20mA, 0 to 1V or 0 to 10V link selectable Single or dual 12 bit or single 16 bit versions available (4-20mA will drive into resistive loads of up to 800Ω)
Serial communications:	Isolated RS232, RS485 or RS422 (8 bit ASCII or Modbus RTU)
DC supply output:	Isolated and regulated 12VDC (50mA max) or 24VDC (25mA max)

Some combinations of optional outputs are available e.g. analog output plus extra relay.
Consult supplier for available combinations.

7.3 Physical characteristics

Case size:	44mm(w) x 91mm(h) x 141mm(d)
Connections:	Plug in screw terminals (max. 2.5mm ² wire for power and relays, max. 1.5mm ² wire for load cell and options)
Weight:	470 gms basic model, 500 gms with option card

8 Guarantee and service

The product supplied with this manual is guaranteed against faulty workmanship for a period of two years from the date of dispatch.

Our obligation assumed under this guarantee is limited to the replacement of parts which, by our examination, are proved to be defective and have not been misused, carelessly handled, defaced or damaged due to incorrect installation. This guarantee is VOID where the unit has been opened, tampered with or if repairs have been made or attempted by anyone except an authorised representative of the manufacturing company.

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